

June 26, 2014

Ms. Lindsay Whalin San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay St., Suite 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Addendum No. 1 – Clarification of Field Sampling Methodology, Pond Water and Sediments Characterization Report, Permanente Quarry

Dear Ms. Whalin:

While recently re-reviewing the pond-water sample collection methodology set forth in the above-named report (dated May 15, 2014), we found that the first sentence of paragraph 3 in Section 2.3 of the report contains an error. This sentence reads "Samples intended for total metals analysis were not filtered or acidified prior to laboratory submittal." This sentence should instead read "Samples intended for total metals analysis were acidified, but not filtered, in the field prior to laboratory submittal."

Subsequent sentences in that paragraph regarding filtration and acidification of samples intended for dissolved metals and mercury analyses correctly describe our sample collection methodology. As described in our report, samples intended for dissolved metals analysis were filtered and acidified in the field. Pursuant to EPA 1600-series analytical and sample collection methods, samples intended for mercury analysis were submitted to the laboratory without filtration or acidification, and filtration of the dissolved mercury sample was conducted by the laboratory.

We apologize for any confusion.

Very truly yours,

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